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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1997/935, S/1997/942 and S/1997/951)*

Briefing by the Secretary-General

Other matters

Morning**	3839th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1110 (1997) (S/1997/911 and Add.1)

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* Followed by a formal meeting following the adjournment of the 3839th meeting.

** Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	62nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	63rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47).

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions contained in documents A/52/3 and E/1997/49, and on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.28 and L.41

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (b) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1

3. Sectoral policy questions [96]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action of draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40

4. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   (d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.20 and L.37

   (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.19 and L.42

5. Operational activities for development [99]

   (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.5 and L.46

   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.9 and L.44

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.11 (item 97 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.17 (item 97 (g)); A/C.2/52/L.18 (item 97 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.20 (item 98 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.21 (item 98 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.22 (item 98 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.25 (item 98 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.27 (item 97 (f)); A/C.2/52/L.29 (item 98 (g)); and A/C.2/52/L.31 (item 97 (h))

4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.4 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.3 (item 95 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.24 (item 95 (b)); and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

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* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Second committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1, A/51/976, A/52/520 and A/52/696)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/C.5/52/13, A/52/30, A/52/520 and A/52/697)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations common system (A/52/30, A/52/439, A/C.5/52/18 and A/C.5/52/22))

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

Afternoon**-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations common system (A/52/30, A/52/439, A/C.5/52/18 and A/C.5/52/22))

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 120.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON PENALTIES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports

2. United Nations Mission of Observers in Tadjikistan (UNMOT)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 4 December 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.21, L.22, L.25 and L.29)

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
AND THE GROUP OF 77

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments)

6 p.m.- 6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Announcement

As from *today*, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place *at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations*, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 5 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47).

3 p.m. 65th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations: report of the First Committee (A/52/591) [62].

2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/52/592) [63].

3. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/593) [64].

4. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/52/594) [65].

5. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/595) [66].

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/596) [67].

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/52/597) [68].

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/52/598) [69].

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/52/599) [70].

10. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/600) [71].

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/52/601) [72].

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/52/602) [73].

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/603) [74].

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/52/604) [75].

15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/52/605) [76].

16. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/52/606) [77].

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/52/607) [78].

18. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/608) [79].

19. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/52/609) [80].

20. Maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/52/610) [81].

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/52/611) [82].

22. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/52/612) [83].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	1st meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

United Nations reform: measures and proposals (item 157)

Informal Consultations on the draft proposal under item 157 will continue under the conduct of H.E. Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila (Botswana) and H.E. Mr. John Campbell (Ireland) on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meetings

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/ 46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/ 911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Training seminar

The Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will organize a Training Seminar on the subject "Globalization and Taxation". The Seminar will be conducted by Prof. Altshuler (Columbia University/Rutgers University) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. Interested staff members afre invited to attend.

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Presentation

Mr. John Vereker, Permanent Under Secretary at the British Government Department for International Development (DFID), will give a presentation on the British Government's White Paper "Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century" on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Stephen Gomerall, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council from Monday 8 to Thursday, 11 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

60th plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/695) [16 (d)]

The President informed the General Assembly that, with regard to the Secretary-General's wish to nominate Mr. Klaus Töpfer Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998, he had been advised by the Secretary-General that the effective date for the beginning of the term of office should be adjusted to 1 February 1998.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, elected Mr. Klaus Töpfer as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term beginning on 1 February 1998.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya and Pakistan.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 16.

The situation in the Middle East [37]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55 and L.62)

(c) Amendments (A/52/L.63)

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Israel, Indonesia, Kuwait, Turkey, Brunei Darussalam, Ukraine, Senegal, Malaysia, Belarus, Argentina, Ghana, Cuba, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Yemen and Japan.

61st plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [37]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55, L.62);

(c) Amendments (A/52/L.63)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Australia, Jordan, Thailand, Cyprus, the United States, Norway and Lebanon.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel and Lebanon.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that there was a general agreement to postpone to Tuesday, 9 December the introduction of and action on all the draft resolutions and amendments submitted under agenda item 36 (Question of Palestine) and under agenda item 37 (The situation in the Middle East), at a time to be announced in the *Journal*.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1997

50th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded, in private meeting, its consideration of the second periodic report of the Dominican Republic (E/1990/6/Add.7) and continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1994/104/Add.9).

51st meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee considered and adopted the report on its mission to the Dominican Republic.

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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 217th meeting of the Disarmament Commission (No. 1997/233, p. 9): the first paragraph under *Organizational matters* should read as follows:

The Commission decided that the 1998 substantive session would be held from 6 to 28 April 1998. The representative of Sweden made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, adopted on 23 May 1997 at the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (3 December 1997)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Venezuela (3 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 4 December 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. as follows:

Today, 4 December "Then and Now"

Friday, 5 December "Seeds of War in Jerusalem"

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 7 December 1997.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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Friday, 5 December 1997

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MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1367th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

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Open-ended informal consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m.	Conference Room 5

Continuation of the informal consultations on the draft proposal under item 157 conducted by H.E. Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila (Botswana) and H.E. Mr. John Campbell (Ireland).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/ 52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)); and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

11 a.m.- 12 noon	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Consideration of the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.18 (item 97 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.21 (item 98 (c)); A/C.2/ 52/L.22 (item 98 (b)); A/C.2/52/L.25 (item 98 (e)); A/C.2/52/L.29 (item 98 (g)); and A/C.2/52/L.49 (item 97 (h))

12 noon- 1 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2, L.2/Rev.1 and L.51

   (b) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.26 and L.39

   (c) Science and technology for development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.3 and L.47

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.12 and L.38

   (c) Population and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.15 and L.43 (Programme budget implications in document A/C.2/52/L.50)

   (f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27/Rev.1

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.4 and L.48

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8

2. Sectoral policy questions [96]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40

   (b) Business and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.13

   (c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

   (a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1

   (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18

   (g) Women in development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1

   (h) Human resources development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31 and L.49

4. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   (a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.25

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

5. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [100]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32

6. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999 (A/C.2/52/L.45)

7. Suspension of the work of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors: (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research and (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II (Parts I-XII), A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	1st (closed) meeting (resumed)	Conference Room 8

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

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10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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1. Draft reports

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place *today*, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 5 December 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding matters)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held *today*, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place *at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations*, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 8 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 66th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the second annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/52/582) [50].

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   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/344, A/52/554);

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/330);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.19/Rev.1, A/52/L.31).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Monday, 8 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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Orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council from Monday 8 to Thursday, 11 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Training seminar

The Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will organize a Training Seminar on the subject "Globalization and Taxation". The Seminar will be conducted by Prof. Altshuler (Columbia University/Rutgers University) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. Interested staff members are invited to attend.

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Presentation

Mr. John Vereker, Permanent Under Secretary at the British Government Department for International Development (DFID), will give a presentation on the British Government's White Paper "Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century" on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Stephen Gomerall, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Press Conference

The United Nations Development Programme will release a new discussion paper entitled, "Valuing Our Future: Cost-Benefit Analysis and Sustainability", at a press conference on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 1 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 - 21st floor). The author, Geoffrey Heal, Professor of Economics and Finance at Columbia University, Mr. Kenneth Ruffing, Officer-in-charge, Economics and Finance Branch, DESA, and Mr. David Roodman, Senior Researcher at Worldwatch Institute will present comments. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

A high-level briefing on the UNDP Trust Fund Project "Reintegration Support Scheme for Demobilized Soldiers in Mozambique" will take place on Thursday 11 December 1997, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be chaired by UNDP Administrator, will be on the conclusions, recommendations and "lessons learnt" from this project. It will be made to the Permanent Representatives of the donors and other Governments directly concerned. Other interested delegates, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations may also attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3838th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Letter dated 22 November 1997 from the Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b)(i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/922)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1997/54).

Thursday, 4 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3839th meeting

The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1110 (1997) (S/1997/911 and Add. 1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Germany, Italy and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1997/948, which had been submitted by Costa Rica, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Germany and Italy.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/948).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal, China, Japan, France, Sweden, Poland, Kenya, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Chile and the United States of America, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/948) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1142 (1997).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

3840th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 1111 (1997) (S/1997/935)

Letter dated 2 December 1997 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/942)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1997/951) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/951).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Egypt, Sweden, the Republic of Korea, Portugal, Chile, Kenya, Poland, France, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, the Russian Federation and the United States.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/951) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1143 (1997).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representative of the United Kingdom and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

62nd plenary meeting

equitable representation on and increase in the of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

esolution (A/52/L.7)

lments (A/52/L.47)

s were made by the representatives of Singapore, Kingdom, Germany, Brazil, Indonesia, Senegal, ria, India, Algeria, Italy and the Republic of Korea.

63rd plenary meeting

ummary of the 63rd plenary meeting will appear in xt issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/236).

Committees

OMMITTEE 47th meeting

Economic and Social Council [12]

draft resolutions contained in document A/52/3

draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.28 and L.41

nittee resumed consideration of the item and the an of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), aft resolution A/C.2/52/L.41, submitted by him on informal consultations held on draft resolution 8.

nittee then adopted the draft resolution.

nt was made by the representative of Vanuatu.

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ndations for adoption by the General Assembly in the report of the Economic and Social Council

mittee endorsed the revisions of the General of the World Food Programme as contained in the cument E/1997/49.

mittee decided , beginning in 1998, in accordance ramme of work as recommended by the Economic Council, the report of the Council of the United ersity would be considered directly by the Second as contained in paragraph 3 of its resolution 1997/

The Committee endorsed paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223, concerning the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning, contained in paragraph 240 (b) of its report (E/1997/35).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee then took note of the relevant chapters of document A/52/3 and of the reports contained in documents A/52/175-E/1997/75, A/52/203-E/1997/85, A/52/212 and A/52/354.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1 was put to the vote.

A statement in explanation of vote, before the vote, was made by the representative of the United States.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 86 to 1, with 45 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote, after the vote, was made by the representative of Luxembourg, on behalf of the European Union.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of Fiji informed the Committee that his delegation should have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Subsequently the representatives of Mozambique, Tunisia, Rwanda and Benin informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote, their delegations would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representatives of Germany and Greece informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote, their delegations would have been amongst those delegations abstaining.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.20 and L.37

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.37, submitted

by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.20.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.20 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the reports contained in documents A/52/560 and A/52/561.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (d).

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.19 and L.42

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.42, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.19.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.19 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (f).

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.5 and L.46

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.46, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand and the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 99 (a).

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.9 and L.44

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.44, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.9.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 99 (b).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents A/52/39, A/51/655-E/1996/105, A/52/114-E.1997/46, A/51/636-E/1996/104, A/52/115-E/1997/47 and A/52/457 and Add.1.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 99 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

The Committee resumed its general discussion on these agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania, Estonia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Liechtenstein), Norway, Pakistan, India and Mexico.

The representative of Poland also made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division made a statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin on Monday, 8 December under the chairmanship of Mr. Sam Hanson (Canada).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1997

52nd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded, in private meeting, its consideration of the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1990/6/Add.9), of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom (E/1994/104/Add.11) and of the initial report of Azerbaijan (E/1990/5/Add.30)

53rd meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its consideration and adopted the General Comment No. 8 (1997) on the relationship between economic sanctions and respect for economic, social and cultural rights.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Signature: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niue, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zimbabwe (3 December 1997)

Ratification: Canada, Ireland and Mauritius (3 December 1997)*

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Accession: Benin (4 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until *today*, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. as follows:

Today, 5 December "Seeds of War in Jerusalem"

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 7 December 1997.

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Human Rights Day
(10 December)

Human Rights Day on 10 December will be observed with a special programme to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-1998). Opening remarks will be given by Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, President of the General Assembly. The event will feature Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States, as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, will give the second keynote address. The message of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be read by Dr. Purificación Quisumbing, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Other speakers will include Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; H.E. Ambassador Karmalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; and Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Roundtable

In conjunction with the observance of Human Rights Day and the launch of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a two-day International Journalists Roundtable on Human Rights will take place on 8 and 9 December 1997 in Conference Room 6. The Roundtable, organized by the Department of Public Information, is open to media representatives only. The Roundtable will open on Monday, 8 December, at 10 a.m.. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Fareed Zakaria, Managing Editor of *Foreign Affairs*. Four half-day panel discussions will then cover various human rights issues.

Following the opening on Monday, the first panel will consider "The Media in Human Rights". The second panel on "Human Rights in Action" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, 9 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the third panel will address the issue of "The Right to Development". The fourth panel on "Children's rights and Women's Rights" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact the Development and Human Rights Section, the Department of Public Information (tel.: 963-1786 or 963-3771).

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 8 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

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Open-ended informal consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. Conference Room 5

Continuation of the informal consultations on the draft proposal under item 157 conducted by H.E. Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila (Botswana) and H.E. Mr. John Campbell (Ireland).

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); and A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations of the Chairman of the Second Committee on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.4 and L.48 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52.L.11/Rev.1 (item 97 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40 (item 96 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1 (item 97 (g)); and A/C.2/52/L.31 and L.49 (item 97 (h))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/51/976, A/52/520, A/52/696, A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/30, A/52/520, A/52/697 and A/C.5/52/13 and Corr.1))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/7/Add.1 and Add.3, A/52/16/Add.1, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [160] (A/52/233 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/1/Add.2 and A/C.5/52/26)

   Introduction and general discussion

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

9.30 a.m.- 12 noon	open meeting	Conference Room 1

INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PROSECUTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

12 noon- 1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON DEFINITION OF WAR CRIMES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 8 December 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
. (on draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.8 and L.13 and ali outstanding matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments)

6.15 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

Informal open-ended consultations, to be moderated by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on the issue of involvement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations will take place on Monday, 8 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place *at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations*, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

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1. Question of Palestine [36] :

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581);

   (c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571).

   (d) Letter from Namibia (A/52/704);

   (e) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50. L.51, L.52 and Corr.1, L.53/Rev.1).

   (f) Amendment (A/52/L.59).

2. The situation in the Middle East [37]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55, L.62);

   (c) Amendments (A/52/L.63).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The first regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 19 to 23 January 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 164th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The provisional agenda will be circulated soon.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members, the Chairman will give an briefing to the press in the Press Room.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Training seminar

The Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will organize a Training Seminar on the subject "Globalization and Taxation". The Seminar will be conducted by Prof. Altshuler (Columbia University/Rutgers University) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. Interested staff members are invited to attend.

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Presentation

Mr. John Vereker, Permanent Under Secretary at the British Government Department for International Development (DFID), will give a presentation on the British Government's White Paper "Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century" on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Stephen Gomerall, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Press Conference

The United Nations Development Programme will release a new discussion paper entitled, "Valuing Our Future: Cost- Benefit Analysis and Sustainability", at a press conference on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 1 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 - 21st floor). The author, Geoffrey Heal, Professor of Economics and Finance at Columbia University, Mr. Kenneth Ruffing, Officer-in-charge, Economics and Finance Branch, DESA, and Mr. David Roodman, Senior Researcher at Worldwatch Institute will present comments. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefings

An open informal briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG) for Permanent Representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

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A high-level briefing on the UNDP Trust Fund Project "Reintegration Support Scheme for Demobilized Soldiers in Mozambique" will take place on Thursday 11 December 1997, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be chaired by UNDP Administrator, will be on the conclusions, recommendations and "lessons learnt" from this project. It will be made to the Permanent Representatives of the donors and other Governments directly concerned. Other interested delegates, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations may also attend.

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The Executive Director of the World Food Programme will give a briefing on "El Niño's potential impact on food security" and on "The World Food Programme Task Force set up to enable a rapid response to food emergency situations" on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

63rd plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Swaziland, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement), Nigeria, Ukraine, Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Pakistan, Argentina, Japan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, Turkey, Malaysia, the United States, Colombia, Spain, Malta, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, San Marino, Fiji, Belgium, Viet Nam, El Salvador, Paraguay and Portugal.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the consideration of agenda item 41 (Assistance in mine clearance), originally scheduled for Tuesday, 9 December, was postponed to a later date to be announced.

Friday, 5 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

64th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, Poland, Cuba, Ireland, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Zambia, Iraq, Guyana, France, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Kuwait, Belarus, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Namibia, Ghana, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka.

65th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7)

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47)

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, Angola, Liberia, Peru, Australia and the United Arab Emirates.

The President made a statement in the course of which he informed members that agenda item 59 would be kept open during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly for further consideration and reconfirmed his intention to begin substantive deliberations of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council in the second half of January 1998.

Programme of work

The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Main Committees as follows:

First Committee: Tuesday, 9 December, in the morning;

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): Wednesday, 10 December, in the afternoon;

Third Committee: Friday, 12 December, in the afternoon; and

Sixth Committee: Monday, 15 December, in the afternoon.

The reports of the Second and the Fifth Committee will be taken up at a later date to be announced.

On Wednesday, 10 December, in the afternoon the Assembly will also consider agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1. He also informed the Committee that Mexico had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States informed the Committee that his delegation had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.26 and L.39

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.39.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.26 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

(c) Science and technology for development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.3 and L.47

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.47.

The representatives of Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.3 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (c).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.12 and L.38

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced and corrected the French text of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.38.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L12 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (b).

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.27/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Bangladesh informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27/Rev.1, which he corrected. He also informed the Committee that Lesotho and Nepal had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (f).

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2, L.2/Rev.1 and L.51

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and corrected draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.51.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Luxembourg, the Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected.

The representative of India made a statement.

Draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.2/Rev.1 were consequently withdrawn by the sponsors.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.3 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (c).

49th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [95]

(c) Population and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.15 and L.43 (Programme budget implications in document A/C.2/52/L.50)

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.2/52/L.50 which contained a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.15.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.15 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (c).

Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.32 and L.52

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.52, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32.

The representative of Pakistan orally corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 100.

The Chairman suspended the meeting.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.18 and L.53

On the resumption of the meeting the Committee resumed consideration of item 97 (e).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced and corrected draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.53, submitted by him in the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee then adopted resolutions 16/1 and 16/2 as contained in document A/52/8.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (e).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER 1997

54th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued and concluded, in private meeting, its consideration of the second periodic report of Luxembourg (E/1990/6/Add.9) and the second periodic report of the Uruguay (E/1994/6/Add.10).

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item and adopted various decisions

Annual report to the Economic and Social Council [9]

The Committee adopted, in an open meeting, its annual report to the Economic and Social Council.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the seventeenth session of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Cook Islands (5 December 1997)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Signature: Angola, Argentina, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, Indonesia, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Poland, Qatar, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Vanuatu and Yemen (4 December 1997)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 7 December 1997.

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Human Rights Day
(10 December)

Human Rights Day on 10 December will be observed with a special programme to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-1998). Opening remarks will be given by Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, President of the General Assembly. The event will feature Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States, as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, will give the second keynote address. The message of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be read by Dr. Purificación Quisumbing, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Other speakers will include Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; H.E. Mr. Karmalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; and Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Represent-ative of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Roundtable

In conjunction with the observance of Human Rights Day and the launch of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a two-day International Journalists Roundtable on Human Rights will take place on 8 and 9 December 1997 in Conference Room 6. The Roundtable, organized by the Department of Public Information, is open to media representatives only. The Roundtable will open on Monday, 8 December, at 10 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Fareed Zakaria, Managing Editor of *Foreign Affairs*. Four half-day panel discussions will then cover various human rights issues.

Following the opening on Monday, the first panel will consider "The Media in Human Rights". The second panel on "Human Rights in Action" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, 9 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the third panel will address the issue of "The Right to Development". The fourth panel on "Children's rights and Women's Rights" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact the Develop-ment and Human Rights Section, the Department of Public Information (tel.: 963-1786 or 963-3771).

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Liberia
H.E. Mr. William Bull

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Argentina
H.E. Mr. Fernando Enrique Petrella

Western European and Other States:
Monaco
H.E. Mr. Jacques Louis Boisson

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Croatia (S/1997/953)

Rwanda (S/1997/812 and S/1997/868 and Corr.1)

Briefing by Mr. Laïty Kama, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	164th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

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3 p.m. 68th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [36] :

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581);

   (c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571);

   (d) Letter from Namibia (A/52/704);

   (e) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50. L.51, L.52 and Corr.1, L.53/Rev.1);

   (f) Amendment (A/52/L.59).

2. The situation in the Middle East [37]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55, L.62);

   (c) Amendments (A/52/L.63).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 50th meeting | Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.4 and L.48

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.8 and L.58

2. Sectoral policy questions [96]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40

   (b) Business and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.13/Rev.1

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.13 and L.13/Rev.1

   (c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

3. Sustainable development and international economic coopera- tion [97]

   (a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1

   (g) Women in development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1

   (h) Human resources development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.31 and L.49

4. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   (a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

   (b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.22 and L.57 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/52/L.54)

   (c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.21 and L.55

   (e) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.25 and L.56

   (g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

   Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

5. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999 (A/C.2/52/L.45)

6. Suspension of the work of the Committee

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. | 38th meeting | Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/7/Add.1-2, A/52/16/Add.1, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1*, A/C.5/52/20, A/C.5/52/27, A/C.5/52/14, A/C.5/52/17, A/C.5/ 52/21 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1 and A/52/707)

   Introduction and continuation of general discussion

2. Human resources management [153] (A/52/580)

   Introduction and general discussion

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* To be published.

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II and Add.1), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II (Parts I-XII and Add.2), A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15 and A/C.5/52/20))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations common system (A/52/30, A/52/439, A/C.5/52/18, A/C.5/52/22 and A/C.5/52/28))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON DEFINITIONS AND ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Interim study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations
2. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) - procedure

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission *today*, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Training seminar

The Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will organize a Training Seminar on the subject "Globalization and Taxation". The Seminar will be conducted by Prof. Altshuler (Columbia University/Rutgers University) *today*, 9 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. terested staff members are invited to attend.

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Press Conference

The United Nations Development Programme will release a new discussion paper entitled, "Valuing Our Future: Cost-Benefit Analysis and Sustainability", at a press conference *today*, 9 December 1997, at 1 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 - 21st floor). The author, Geoffrey Heal, Professor of Economics and Finance at Columbia University, Mr. Kenneth Ruffing, Officer-in-charge, Economics and Finance Branch, DESA, and Mr. David Roodman, Senior Researcher at Worldwatch Institute will present comments. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on draft resolution A/52/L.45 (item 20) on the security humanitarian personnel *today*, 9 December 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal open-ended consultations on the issue of involvement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations will take place *today*, 9 December 1977, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Presentation

Mr. John Vereker, Permanent Under Secretary at the British Government Department for International Development (DFID), will give a presentation on the British Government's White Paper "Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century" *today*, 9 December 1997, at from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Stephen Gomerall, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organiza- tions and the press are invited to attend.

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Briefing

An open informal briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG) for Permanent Representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers will be held *today*, 9 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among troop contributors on the United Nations Irak-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) will be held *today*, 9 December 1997, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m. 69th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/52/23 (Parts I-VII), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084-2090);

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9. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/621) [91 and 18].

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/622) [92 and 12].

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/623) [93].

12. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/624) [94].

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14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/52/L.64, A/52/23, Part II, Chapter III, para. 10) [18].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on Wednesday, 10 December 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/ 1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 16 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The first regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 19 to 23 January 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group on Wednesday, 10 December 1997 from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

A high-level briefing on the UNDP Trust Fund Project "Reintegration Support Scheme for Demobilized Soldiers in Mozambique" will take place on Thursday 11 December 1997, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be chaired by the UNDP Administrator, will be on the conclusions, recommendations and "lessons learnt" from this project. It will be made to the Permanent Representatives of the donors and other Governments directly concerned. Other interested delegates, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations may also attend.

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The Executive Director of the World Food Programme will give a briefing on "El Niño's potential impact on food security" and on "The World Food Programme Task Force set up to enable a rapid response to food emergency situations" on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 8 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

66th plenary meeting

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the second annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/52/582) [50]

The General Assembly took note of the second annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Netherlands, Norway, Italy and Malaysia.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 50.

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/343 and Add.1)[35]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [45]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/344, A/52/554)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/330)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.19/Rev.1, A/52/L.31)

The representative of El Salvador made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.31.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.19/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan, Brazil, Spain and Norway.

Statements were made by the representatives of China and Mexico.

Members were informed that, in order to allow time for the review of the programme budget implication of draft resolutions A/52/L.19/Rev.1 and A/52/L.31, action on the draft resolutions was postponed to a later date to be announced.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Controller who introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/303).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/52/7/Add.1 and 2).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee on the work of its resumed thirty-seventh session (A/52/16/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Grenada, the United States, Iraq, Cuba and Bolivia.

The representative of Norway also made a statement.

Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [160] *(A/52/233 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/1/Add.2 and A/C.5/52/26)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

The Chairman of the Committee proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision as proposed by the Chairman.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 8-12 December.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the States Parties at their eighth meeting on 22 May 1995

Acceptance: Switzerland (2 December 1997)*

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Switzerland (2 December 1997)*

International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 December 1979

Accession: Lebanon (4 December 1997)*

International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 4 December 1989

Accession: Azerbaijan (4 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Signature: Kenya (5 December 1997)

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Accession: Dominica (8 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day
(10 December)

Human Rights Day on 10 December will be observed with a special programme to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-1998). Opening remarks will be given by Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, President of the General Assembly. The event will feature Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States, as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, will give the second keynote address. The message of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be read by Dr. Purificación Quisumbing, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Other speakers will include Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; H.E. Mr. Karmalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; and Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Represent-ative of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Roundtable

In conjunction with the observance of Human Rights Day and the launch of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Journalists Roundtable on Human Rights will continue *today*, 9 December 1997 in Conference Room 6. The third panel on the issue of "The Right to Development" will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fourth panel on "Children's rights and Women's Rights" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact the Develop-ment and Human Rights Section, the Department of Public Information (tel.: 963-1786 or 963-3771).

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Award presentation

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, will present the Tenth Annual Sasakawa/DHA Disaster Prevention Award, for outstanding contribution to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1997/959)

Central African Republic (S/1997/954)

Other matters

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Fifty-second session

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Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/7/Add.1-2 and 4, A/52/16/Add.1, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/19, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27)

   Introduction and conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115] (A/C.5/52/16 and A/52/7/Add.5)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Human resources management [153] (A/52/580 and Corr.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II) and Add.1, A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII and Add.1-2, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/51/976, A/52/520, A/52/696, A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/30, A/52/520, A/52/697 and A/C.5/52/13 and Corr.1))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors: (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research and (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518))

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON PENALTIES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations reform: measures and proposals
2. Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa
3. Draft report
4. United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) *today*, 10 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and *tomorrow*, 11 December, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/ 1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 10 December 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Economic and Social Council matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP

3.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

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Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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Informal meeting

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Briefing

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

67th and 68th plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 67th and 68th plenary meetings will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/239).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 50th and 51st meetings

Note: The summary of the 50th and 51st meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/239).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.19: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (A/C.5/52/21 and Add.1)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee contained in document A/52/707.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Guatemala.

The Chairman of the Committee proposed an oral decision.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement and referred the matter to informal consultations.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1: Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session (A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the report of that Committee on the question.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, the Niger, India and Cameroon.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Chairman made a statement and proposed to conduct informal consultations on the matter.

Note by the Secretary-General on a request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1998 (A/C.5/52/14)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the report of that Committee on the question.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Uganda and Cuba.

The Controller responded to a question posed.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision proposed by the Chairman.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions for 1997 (A/C.5/52/17)

The Chairman made a statement and proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision proposed by the Chairman.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Human resources management [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, who also introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat (A/52/580 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Pakistan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Bahamas.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Safety of the United Nations and Associated Personnel, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1994

Accession: Republic of Korea (8 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other speakers will include Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; H.E. Mr. Karmalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; and Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Award presentation

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, will present the Tenth Annual Sasakawa/DHA Disaster Prevention Award, for outstanding contribution to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day
(10 December)

Human Rights Day, *today*, 10 December, will be observed with a special programme to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-1998). Opening remarks will be given by Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, President of the General Assembly. The event will feature Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States, as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, will give the second keynote address. The message of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be read by Dr. Purificación Quisumbing, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/1997/958)

Other matters

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol.I and II) and Add.1, A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II (Parts I-XII) and Add.1-2, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

6.30 p.m.-7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations common system (A/52/30, A/52/439, A/C.5/52/18, A/C.5/52/22 and A/C.5/52/28))

7 p.m.-9.30 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 153 (Human resources management (A/52/438, A/52/574, A/52/580 and Corr.1, A/52/7 paras. 107 to 112, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/2 and A/C.5/52/CRP.2))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

11 a.m.-1 p.m. open meeting Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. open meeting Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

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(on Economic and Social Council matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

3 p.m.-4 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

4.15 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room E

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Informal consultations

Informal open-ended (closed) consultations on the issue of involvement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations will take place *today*, 11 December 1977, at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room 7.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 12 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/52/634) [102].

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/52/635) [103].

3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/52/636) [104].

4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/52/637) [105].

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: report of the Third Committee (A/52/638) [106].

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/52/639) [107].

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/52/640) [108].

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/52/641) [109].

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/52/642) [110].

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/52/643) [111].

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (Part I) (A/52/644) [112]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (Part II) (A/52/644/Add.1);

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (Part III) (A/52/644/Add.2*);

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (Part IV) (A/52/644/Add.3*);

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (Part V) (A/52/644/Add.4);

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (Part VI) (A/52/644/Add.5*).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]:

    (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/52/633);

    (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.66).

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Friday, 12 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

67th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 62 to 83.

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations: report of the First Committee (A/52/591) [62]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/591) (resolution 52/30).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/52/592) [63]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/592) (resolution 52/31).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/593) [64]

By 154 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/593).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/52/594) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/594) (resolution 52/32).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/595) [66]

By 103 votes to 43, with 19 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/595) (resolution 52/33).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/596) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/52/596) (resolution 52/34)

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/52/597) [68]

By 153 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/597) (resolution 52/35).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/52/598) [69]

By 116 votes to 0, with 51 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/598) (resolution 52/36).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/52/599) [70]

By 128 votes to 0, with 39 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by

the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/599) (resolution 52/37).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/600) [71]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 65 of its report (A/52/600).

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Chile and Mexico.

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the representative of Chile, agreed not to have a separate vote on the tenth preambular paragraph of draft resolution O.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 A)	142	0	18
Draft resolution B Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	96	35	25
Draft resolution A Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	95	46	15
Draft resolution B as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 B)	98	45	13
Draft resolution C (resolution 52/38 C)		Adopted	
Draft resolution D (resolution 52/38 D)		Adopted	
Draft resolution E (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 E)	160	0	6
Draft resolution F (resolution 52/38 F)		Adopted	
Draft resolution G (resolution 52/38 G)		Adopted	
Draft resolution H (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 H)	147	0	15
Draft resolution I (resolution 52/38 I)		Adopted	
Draft resolution J Fifth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	139	0	21
Draft resolution J as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 J)	158	0	6
Draft resolution K Ninth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	162	1	3
Draft resolution K Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	161	3	2
Draft resolution K as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 K)	156	0	10
Draft resolution L (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 L)	109	39	18
Draft resolution M (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 M)	161	0	8
Draft resolution N Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	159	1	4
Draft resolution N as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 N)	131	3	34
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	152	6	6
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	106	34	24

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution O as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 0)	116	26	24
Draft resolution P (resolution 52/38 P)		Adopted	
Draft resolution Q (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 Q)	164	1	2
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 5 (b) (recorded vote)	153	0	9
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 7 (recorded vote)	151	0	15
Draft resolution R as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 R)	155	0	11
Draft resolution S (resolution 52/38 S)		Adopted	
Draft resolution T (resolution 52/38 T)		Adopted	

The representative of Swaziland made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Argentina, Belarus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Syrian Arab Republic, Norway and Afghanistan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/52/601) [72]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in para- graph 15 of its report (A/52/601).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement concerning draft resolution B.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 52/39 A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 52/39 B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (recorded vote) (resolution 52/39 C)	109	30	27
Draft resolution D (resolution 52/39 D)		Adopted	

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/52/602) [73]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/52/602).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 52/40 A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 52/40 B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (recorded vote) (resolution 52/40 C)	111	49	12

The Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of agenda item 73.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/603) [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/52/603).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	156	2	4

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/41)	147	2	14

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/52/604) [75]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/604) (resolution 52/42).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/52/605) [76]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/605) (resolution 52/43).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/52/606) [77]

By 125 votes to 3, with 40 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 7 of the report (A/52/606) (resolution 52/44).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/52/607) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/607) as orally corrected by the President (resolution 52/45).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/608) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/608) (resolution 52/46).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/52/609) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/609) (resolution 52/47).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/52/610) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/610) (resolution 52/48).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Review on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of the International Security: report of the First Committee (A/52/611) [82]

By 116 votes to 0, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/611).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/52/612) [83]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/52/612).

The Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of agenda item 83.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee before it.

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Question of Palestine [36]:

(a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35)*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581)*

(c) *Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571)*

(d) *Letter from Namibia (A/52/704)*

(e) *Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50, L.51, L.52 and Corr.1 and L.53/Rev.1)*

(f) *Amendment (A/52/L.59)*

The Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/52/L.49, L.50 and L.51.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/52/L.49, L.50 and 51.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/52/L.49 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/49)	115	2	45
Draft resolution A/52/L.50 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/50)	113	2	47
Draft resolution A/52/L.51 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/51)	158	2	4

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Swaziland.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.52 and Corr.1.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey and Swaziland.

By 155 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.52 and Corr.1 (resolution 52/52).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Mexico.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/52/L.53/Rev.1.

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/52/L.59.

The representative of Yemen moved on a point of order that document A/52/L.59 did not constitute an amendment.

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) spoke against the proposal.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement on a point of order.

By 57 votes to 65, with 32 abstentions (recorded vote), the proposal by the representative of Yemen that document A/52/L.59 did not constitute an amendment was not adopted.

The representative of Egypt (on behalf of the co-sponsors) made a statement in the course of which he informed the Assembly that the co-sponsors did not wish draft resolution A/52/L.53 to be put to the vote at the present time.

The President confirmed with the Assembly that the co-sponsors of the amendment contained in document A/52/L.59 had also agreed not to put to the vote their amendment at the present time.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 36.

The situation in the Middle East [37]:

(a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467 and A/52/581)*

(b) *Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55 and L.62)*

(c) *Amendments (A/52/L.63)*

The representative of Norway (on behalf of the co-sponsors) made a statement in the course of which he withdrew draft resolution A/52/L.62.

The President confirmed with the General Assembly that the co-sponsors of the amendments contained in document A/52/L.63 had also agreed to withdraw their amendments.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/52/L.54 and L.55.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey and the United States.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/52/L.54 and L.55.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/52/L.54 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/53)	148	1	9
Draft resolution A/52/L.55 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/54)	92	2	65

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Argentina, Ecuador and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Question of Palestine [36]:

(a) *Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571)*

(b) *Letter from Namibia (A/52/704)*

The General Assembly decided to enlarge the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and to appoint Namibia and South Africa as members of the Committee.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 36.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.4 and L.48

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and removed the brackets from draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.48.

The representative of Indonesia corrected the text.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Indonesia.

The draft resolution was adopted, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 147 to 2, with no abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the Russian Federation, Norway, Japan, Turkey and Jordan.

The representative of Greece informed the Committee that his delegation had voted in favour of the draft resolution, although it had not been recorded.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.4 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

Subsequently, the representatives of Mozambique, Slovenia and Bulgaria informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote, their delegations would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (a).

(d) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.8 and L.58

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and removed the brackets from draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.58.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Indonesia.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 to 1, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, and Nigeria.

Subsequently, the representative of Slovenia informed the Committee that had she been present during the vote, her delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (d), and of item 95 as a whole.

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and removed the brackets from draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.40.

The representative of Luxembourg corrected the title of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 to 1, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa and the Russian Federation.

Subsequently, the representative of Slovenia informed the Committee that had she been present during the vote, her delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.16 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (a).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria) informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representatives of Luxembourg, Canada and the United Republic of Tanzania corrected the text.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), made a statement, in explanation of vote.

The draft resolution was adopted, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 151 to 2, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, China, Canada and the Russian Federation.

The Chairman made a statement in response to the letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2/52/10).

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (a).

(g) Women in development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria) informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17. He drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1, and orally corrected it.

The representative of Luxembourg corrected the text.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), made a statement in explanation of vote.

The draft resolution was adopted, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 153 to 2, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Morocco (also on behalf of Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Pakistan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Yemen), the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation.

Subsequently the representative of Mauritania informed the Committee that his delegation aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Morocco.

On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee then adopted a draft decision taking note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/52/345.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (g).

(h) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.31 and L.49

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.49.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 153 to 2, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Australia and China.

The representative of Australia informed the Committee that the statement he had just made in explanation of vote, applied also to the preceding five resolutions.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (h) and of item 97 as a whole.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement after the adoption of the six draft resolutions.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and informed the Committee that the General Assembly would be informed that no draft proposals had been submitted under this item.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (a).

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.22 and L.57 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/52/L.54)

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.57.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.2/52/L.54, which contained programme budget implications on A/C.2/52/L.57.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on operative paragraph 17 and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), requested a suspension of the meeting.

The representative of Canada informed the Committee that his delegation would have liked to have been a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

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Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.22 and L.57 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/52/L.54)

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

In accordance with rule 129 of the rules of procedure, the Committee proceeded to a recorded vote on operative paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.57.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in explanation of vote.

Operative paragraph 17 was then adopted by a recorded vote of 145 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and New Zealand.

A point of order was raised by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.57.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 98 (b).

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.21 and L.55

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.55.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (c).

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.25 and L.56

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.56.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.25 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (e).

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29 had been withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria) orally introduced two draft decisions, as contained in documents A/C.2/52/L.60 and L.61.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and China.

The Committee then adopted the two draft decisions.

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (g).

On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme as contained in document A/52/25.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 as a whole.

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(b) Business and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.13 and L.13/Rev.1 and L.59

The Committee resumed consideration of the item, and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.59.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) requesting a motion of non-action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.59.

The representative of the Legal Office responded to questions raised.

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) requested a suspension of the meeting.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) requested a vote on the suspension of the meeting.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The result of the vote was 50 in favour of suspension to 87 against a suspension, with 1 abstention.

The Committee then proceeded to a vote on no-action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.59, as requested by the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

In accordance with rule 116 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and Indonesia in support of a vote on the motion, and by the representatives of the United States and the Russian Federation against.

The motion for no-action was then carried by a vote of 90 to 53, with 0 abstentions.

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/52/L.13/Rev.1 and informed the Committee that Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that Mozambique was not a co-sponsor. He then withdrew draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.13 and L.13/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of the United States and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (b).

(c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of the note of the Secretary-General as contained in document A/C.2/132-E/1997/57.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (c) and of agenda item 96 as a whole.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999 [12]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chief of the Documentation, Programming and Monitoring Section of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.45.

The Chief of the Documentation, Programming and Monitoring Section responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Philippines and Benin.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 1998-1999, as orally revised.

Suspension of the work of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The Chairman then declared the work of the Second Committee suspended.

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Programme of work

The President made an announcement concerning the programme of work of the General Assembly:

Friday, 12 December,
p.m. Reports of the Third Committee

Monday, 15 December,
a.m. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17(h)]

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [17(i)]

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [47]

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [44]

p.m. Reports of the Sixth Committee

Note: The remainder of the summary of the 69th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/240).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th and 40th meetings

Note: The summary of the 39th and 40th meetings of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/240).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, done at Vienna on 24 April 1963

Accession: Malta (10 December 1997)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Philippines (8 December 1997)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Ratification: Venezuela (10 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 11 December 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Award presentation

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, will present the Tenth Annual Sasakawa/DHA Disaster Prevention Award, for outstanding contribution to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, *today*, 11 December 1997, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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